

daughter's graduation from law school. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 179, cloture on the nomination of Jennifer Rochon to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York; yea on rollcall vote No. 180, cloture on the nomination of Trina Thompson to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California; and yea on rollcall vote No. 181, cloture on the nomination of Sunshine Sykes to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California.

On May 18, 2022, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, and 189 while attending my daughter's graduation from law school. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 182, confirmation of Jennifer Rochon to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York; yea on rollcall vote No. 183, cloture on the nomination of Barbara Leaf to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs; yea on rollcall vote No. 184, confirming Barbara Leaf to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs; yea on rollcall vote No. 185, cloture on the nomination of Elizabeth Watson to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor; yea on rollcall vote No. 186, confirming Elizabeth Watson to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor; yea on rollcall vote No. 187, confirming Trina Thompson to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California; yea on rollcall vote No. 188, confirming Sunshine Sykes to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California; and yea on rollcall vote No. 189, confirming Christopher Lowman to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

On May 19, 2022, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 190, 191, 192, and 193 while attending my daughter's graduation from law school. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall votes Nos. 190 and 191, cloture and final passage, respectively, of H.R. 7691, the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022. Since the beginning of Russia's brutal war, I have been a strong supporter of additional aid to Ukraine, and I am glad that this legislation passed the Senate with broad, bipartisan support.

Had I been present on May 19, I also would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 192, cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 4008, the Small Business COVID Relief Act of 2022. This important bipartisan legislation would have provided over \$40 billion in COVID relief to support restaurants, live entertainment venues, and other struggling small businesses. I have been a long-time supporter of replenishing the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and providing more aid to small businesses, so I was extremely disappointed that the Senate fell many votes short of beginning debate on S. 4008. I will continue to be a champion for Nevada's restaurants and small businesses, working to make sure they get the resources needed to get back on their feet.

Finally, had I been present on May 19, I would have voted yea on rollcall

vote No. 193, cloture on the nomination of Stephanie Davis to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL CHASE DAVID PATRICK

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today, I honor a superb leader, liaison and warrior. After 2 years of service as Director of the Navy Senate Liaison Office, Chase Patrick is deservedly moving on and assuming the responsibilities of a rear admiral, lower half. I believe it is fitting to recognize Admiral Patrick's distinguished service and dedication to fostering the relationship between the U.S. Navy and the Senate.

While I was just starting my time in the Senate in 1994, Admiral Patrick was graduating from the University of Virginia that same year. He showed his value quickly upon joining the Navy and has been consistently relied upon for his exceptional leadership and unparalleled work ethic. A surface warfare officer by designation, Admiral Patrick has led our Nation's young men and women on shore and at sea, most prominently in command of USS *Chafee* (DDG-90), where the Navy selected him to receive the Vice Admiral Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership and Commander Destroyer Squadron 50 and Task Force 55.

Admiral Patrick has excelled in numerous other leadership positions in the Navy, most recently as the director of the Navy Senate Liaison. In Washington, DC, and around the globe, Admiral Patrick filled the role that was initially created and held by the late Senator John McCain after his return from Vietnam as a Navy Captain. Decades later, Admiral Patrick had the job of leading the Navy Senate Liaison Office through the COVID-19 pandemic, relentlessly coordinating congressional delegations for our Members and our staffs during the most troubling of times and ensuring continuity between this Chamber and the U.S. Navy.

Over the course of the last few years, Admiral Patrick led six congressional delegations to 10 different countries. He escorted over half of the Members of this Chamber on travel and became a trusted adviser and friend to many of us. I have had the pleasure of traveling with Admiral Patrick on several trips, including his first trip as director of the Navy Senate Liaison Office. He distinguished himself by going above and beyond the call of duty to facilitate and successfully execute each and every congressional delegation, despite any number of weather, aircraft, and diplomatic challenges.

This month, Admiral Patrick departs Washington for Naples, Italy, to serve as the director of Maritime Headquarters, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, Africa and Sixth Fleet. This Chamber will feel Admiral Patrick's absence. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to Admiral Patrick for his out-

standing leadership and unwavering support of the missions of the U.S. Navy. I especially recognize his patient and supportive family, his wife Mrs. Paurenia Patrick and his children, Sara, Chase, Jr., Harry, and Oliver. I wish this Navy family "fair winds and following seas."

TRIBUTE TO LEE J. LOFTHUS

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I rise today to express my appreciation for a dedicated public servant, Mr. LEE J. Lofthus of Maryland, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of public service at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Lee received his MBA from American University in 1982 and joined the Department shortly thereafter. Since then, he has served in a number of positions, including the last 16 years as its Assistant Attorney General for Administration, the highest ranking career position at the Department of Justice. In this role, he has been responsible for many duties, including serving as the Department's chief financial officer, leading its financial reporting, annual financial statement, budget formulation and execution, accounting operations, asset forfeiture fund support and debt management support. As Assistant Attorney General, he has also been the Department's chief ethics official while also overseeing its facilities, procurement, human resources, and planning. Lee also served as the Department of Justice career Agency Transition Director for every Presidential transition since 2008. His leadership has been essential to the Department's operations.

I know Lee from his role as the top Department of Justice liaison with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. In my time as both chairman and ranking member of the Senate Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, I have seen firsthand Lee's deft understanding and management of the congressional appropriations process. He has been an asset to both the Department and the Appropriations Committees and will be missed by all of those who have worked with and for him.

Lee has many interests outside of his work, and he will now have the opportunity to focus more time on those interests, foremost among those his wife Dawn and his sons Mike and Austin. I also expect Lee will dedicate more time to caring for animals, including his affinity for dachshunds and his occasional adoption of a wayward bird. Lee may even find some time to indulge his devotion to Bob Dylan.

The one activity to which I am certain Lee will be devoting his time is enhancing his status as one of the Nation's leading numismatists. Lee's role as the Department of Justice's CFO makes even more sense once you learn that he has long been a nationally recognized, published, and award-winning expert on U.S. paper currency. Lee's particular emphasis is on National